

REMARKS

Claims 3-4, 8-9, 11-12, 15-16, and 19-21 are currently pending in the application. Claims 3, 4, 8, 9, 19, and 20 have been amended. New claim 21 has been added. Support for the amended and new claims can be located at page 8, line 34 – page 9, line 13.

Claims 3-4, 8-9, 11-12, 15-16, and 19-20 remain rejected.

On page 2 of the Advisory Action, the Examiner acknowledged that the “loader” in the “Seli” reference is sent to the client upon request. Applicants respectfully submit that as the loader is sent to the client upon request, the loader is executed on the client, not the server (as the server no longer has the loader after the server sends the loader to the client). Therefore, in contrast to the present invention, Seli fails to install data on a client by an agent residing on a client according to a reading of an execution script on the server. Regardless of where the loader is initially located in Seli, its execution occurs on the client and it is not located on a server and read by an agent on the client.

In addition, in the present invention, a manager included on the server computer can issue a switching instruction, that is, a boot switch command, for switching a booting method to be performed from remote booting in the client computer utilizing a PXE function, for example, to local booting, that is, a booting method performed by a client singly and started by reading a file stored in the hard disk. See specification of the present invention, page 8, line 34 – page 9, line 13.

Applicants respectfully submit that claims 19-20 are patentable over Selitrennikoff (Seli), as Seli fails to disclose, “wherein said server includes a manager issuing a client switching instruction instructing said client to boot locally or remotely,” as recited in the claims.

In contrast to the present invention, in Seli, after replacement of a disk, for example, appropriate software is simply copied to a client operating system directory and bootup of the client computer proceeds by transmitting operating system components from the operating system directory to the client computer. That is, in contrast to the present invention, Seli simply downloads the necessary data to the client’s disk drive, and the client boots from itself normally. See Seli, column 3, lines 61-64. Thus, there is no switching instruction sent from a server computer in Seli. Therefore, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 19-20 is respectfully requested.

Although McAlister discloses remote booting, in contrast to the present invention, the booting occurs via a "remote boot wrapper," which is local to the system being booted. See McAlister, column 3, lines 20-28. Therefore, claim 19 is patentable over McAlister.

As Gusler does not pertain to the above-identified feature of the present invention, Gusler does not cure the deficiencies of Seli. Therefore, claims 3, 8, and 11 are patentable over the cited combination of references.

Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 21 is patentable over the references, as none of the references, alone or in combination, disclose or suggest, "issuing a client switching instruction from said server wherein said client switching instruction instructs said client to boot from said client," as recited in claim 21.

If there are any formal matters remaining after this response, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned to attend to these matters.

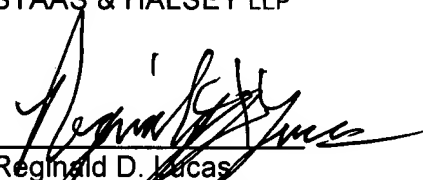
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